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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Natalie Lennox	2626

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on January 19, 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01/19/2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 01/19/2005, 07/14/2005.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed July 14, 2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 4-16 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sukkar (US Patent 5,613,037).

As per claim 1, Sukkar teaches a method for recognizing a keyword from a spoken utterance, with at least one keyword model and a plurality of garbage models, wherein a part of the spoken utterance is assessed as the keyword to be recognized, if that part matches best either to the keyword model or to a garbage sequence model, and wherein the garbage sequence model is a series of consecutive garbage models from that plurality of garbage models (Col. 2, lines 47-52, Col. 5, lines 10-14 and lines 25-27, also Figs. 3, and 4. The keyword model is represented by the digit model and the garbage sequence model is represented by the filler model. More specifically, the plurality of garbage models is the HMM filler model.).

As per claim 2, Sukkar teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein the garbage sequence model is determined

- by comparing a keyword utterance, which represents the keyword to be recognized, with the plurality of garbage models and (Col. 5, lines 10-14 and 25-27, where the HMM filler model represents the plurality of garbage models)
- detecting the series of consecutive garbage models from that plurality of garbage models, which match best to the keyword to be recognized (Col. 5, lines 10-14 and 25-27, where the HMM filler model represents the plurality of garbage models and the filler string represents the series of consecutive garbage models which best match to the keyword).

As per claim 3, Sukkar teaches the method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

- the determined garbage sequence model is privileged against any path through the plurality of garbage models (Col. 5, lines 10-14 and 25-27, where the filler string represents the series of consecutive garbage models which best match to the keyword, the selected string being the privileged path).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Modi et al. (US Patent 6,125,345) provides a method and apparatus for discriminative utterance verification using multiple confidence measures.

Campbell et al. (US Patent 6,438,519) provides an apparatus and method for rejecting out-of-class inputs for pattern classification.

Sukkar et al. (Utterance verification of keyword strings using word-based minimum verification error (WB-MVE) training, 1996) provides an utterance verification method that seeks to minimize the verification error by simultaneously maximizing the rejection of non-keywords and misrecognized keywords while minimizing the rejection of correctly recognized keywords.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Natalie Lennox whose telephone number is (571) 270-1649. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 7 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (571)272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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